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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

JUL 29 2002

Allied Envelope Company 455 Washington Ave. Carlstadt, NJ 07072

Attention: James Royer

Re:

Required Submission of Information

Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site - Clearview Landfill, Folcroft Landfill, and

Folcroft Landfill Annex

Dear Mr. Royer:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is seeking information concerning the release, or threat of release, of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment at the Clearview Landfill ("Clearview"), Folcroft Landfill ("Folcroft"), and Folcroft Landfill Annex ("Folcroft Annex") portions of the Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund site, located in Delaware and Philadelphia Counties, Pennsylvania (hereinafter the "Site").

The Site is located in an industrialized portion of southeastern Delaware County and southwestern Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, along an approximately two-mile stretch of Darby Creek, between Cobbs Creek to the north and the tidal marsh of John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum to the south (see Enclosure A). The Site also includes contaminated portions of areas along Darby Creek downstream as well as a portion of a 3500-acre tidal marsh.

On February 1, 2002, EPA sent an information request to Connecticut Valley Paper and Envelope Company in care of Allied Envelope Company at 2157-85 East Norris Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125. EPA's contractor obtained this mailing information from public directories. EPA's February 1, 2002 letter was addressed to Connecticut Valley Paper and Envelope Company, to the attention of Herb Wodack, Division Manager. Roy Ward replied to the letter on behalf of Allied Envelope Company. Based, in part, on the information provided in Mr. Ward's response, EPA issued a Notice of Potential Liability to Allied Envelope Company on June 7, 2002. On July 8, 2002, EPA received a response to its Notice of Potential Liability from Allied Envelope Company's counsel, David Meisels, Esquire denying that Allied Envelope Company is a liable party.



EPA has reviewed Mr. Meisel's response and is requesting additional information, as set forth in Enclosure F hereto, concerning Allied Envelope Company and its operations.

Pursuant to the authority of Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e), EPA has the authority to require Allied Envelope Company (hereinafter "you"), to furnish all information and documents in your possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or control of any of your employees or agents, which concern, refer, or relate to hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(14), pollutants and/or contaminants as defined by Section 101(33) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(33), which were transported to, stored, treated, or disposed of at the above-referenced Site.

Section 104 of CERCLA authorizes EPA to pursue penalties for failure to comply with that section or for failure to respond adequately to required submissions of information. In addition, providing false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001. The information you provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

You must respond in writing to this required submission of information within **fifteen (15)** calendar days of your receipt of this letter. For a corporation, the response must be signed by an appropriately authorized corporate official. For all other entities, the response must be signed by an authorized official of that entity.

If, for any reason, you do not provide all information responsive to this letter, then in your answer to EPA you must: (1) describe specifically what was not provided, and (2) provide to EPA an appropriate reason why the information was not provided.

All documents and information should be sent to:

Ms. Carlyn Winter Prisk (3HS11) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

This required submission of information is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. Section 3501 et seq.



If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Civil Investigator Carlyn Winter Prisk at (215) 814-2625, or have your attorney contact Brian Nishitani of EPA's Office of Regional Counsel at (215) 814-2675. To discuss the Site in general or the nature of the cleanup, contact Kristine Matzko, the Remedial Project Manager, at (215) 814-5719.

Sincerely,

Joan Armstrong, Chief PRP Investigation and Site Information Section

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Enclosures: Enclosure A: Lower Darby Creek Area Site Map

Enclosure B: Business Confidentiality Claims/Disclosure of Your Response to

EPA Contractors and Grantees

Enclosure C: List of Contractors that May Review Your Response

Enclosure D: Definitions
Enclosure E: Instructions
Enclosure F: Questions
Enclosure G: SBREFA

cc: Mr. Brian Nishitani (3RC44)

Ms. Kristine Matzko (3HS21)

Mr. Craig Olewiler (PADEP Harrisburg)

Ms. April Flipse (PADEP Conshohocken)

Mr. David Meisels, Esquire



Enclosure A



Enclosure B

Business Confidentiality Claims

You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering any part or all of the submitted information, in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. Information subject to a claim of business confidentiality will be made available to the public only in accordance with the procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If a claim of business confidentiality is not asserted when the information is submitted to EPA, EPA may make this information available to the public without further notice to you. You must clearly mark such claimed information by either stamping or using any other such form of notice that such information is a trade secret, proprietary, or company confidential. To best ensure that your intent is clear, we recommend that you mark as confidential each page containing such claimed information.

Disclosure of Your Response to EPA Contractors and Grantees

EPA may contract with one or more independent contracting firms (See "Enclosure C") to review the documentation, including documents which you claim are confidential business information ("CBI"), which you submit in response to this information request, depending on available agency resources. Additionally, EPA may provide access to this information to (an) individual(s) working under (a) cooperative agreements(s) under the Senior Environmental Employee Program ("SEE Enrollees"). The SEE Program was authorized by the Environmental Programs Assistance Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-313). The contractor(s) and/or SEE Enrollee(s) will be filing, organizing, analyzing and/or summarizing the information for EPA personnel. The contractors have signed a contract with EPA that contains a confidentiality clause with respect to CBI that they handle for EPA. The SEE Enrollee(s) is working under a cooperative agreement that contains a provision concerning the treatment and safeguarding of CBI. The individual SEE Enrollee has also signed a confidentiality agreement regarding treatment of CBI. Pursuant to Section 104(e)(7) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e)(7) and EPA's regulations at 40 C.F.R. Section 2.310(h), EPA may share such CBI with EPA's authorized representatives which include contractors and cooperators under the Environmental Programs Assistance Act of 1984. (See 58 Fed.Reg. 7187 (1993)). If you have any objection to disclosure by EPA of documents which you claim are CBI to any or all of the entities listed in Enclosure C, you must notify EPA in writing at the time you submit such documents.

Enclosure C [rev. 05/16/2002]

List of Contractors That May Review Your Response

- Daston Corporation -
- Contract #68-S3-01-01
 Subcontractor to Daston Corporation is: Dynamac Corporation
- Tetra Tech EM, Inc. -
- Contract #68-S3-0002
 Subcontractor to Tetra Tech EM, Inc. is: Eagle Instruments, Inc.
- Ecology and Environment, Inc. -
- Contract #68-S3-0001
 Subcontractor to Ecology and Environment, Inc. is:
 S & S Engineers, Inc.
- IT Corporation Contract #68-S3-00-06
 Subcontracts to IT Corporation are:
 Weavertown Environmental Group
 Environmental Restoration Company
- Earth Tech, Inc. Contract #68-S3-00-07
 Subcontractors to Earth Tech, Inc. are:

 Industrial Marine Services, Inc.
 Cline Oil
 Hertz Equipment Rental
- Guardian Environmental Services, Inc. -Contract #68-S3-99-04
- ECG Industries, Inc. Contract# 68-S3-99-05
 Subcontractor to ECG Industries, Inc. is:
 Earth Tech, Inc.

- Industrial Marine Services, Inc. Contract #68-S3-99-06
 Subcontractors to Industrial Marine
 Services, Inc. are:
 Earth Tech, Inc.
 Engineering and Environment, Inc.
- Tetra Tech NUS Inc. Contract #68-S6-3003
 Subcontractors to Tetra Tech NUS Inc.
 are:
 Gannett Fleming, Inc.
 Dynamic Corporation
 C. C. Johnson & Malhotra, P.C.
- CDM-Federal Programs Corporation Contract #68-S7-3003
 Subcontractors to CDM-Federal
 Programs Corporation are:
 Tetra Tech EM, Inc.
 Robert Kimball & Associates
 PMA & Associates
 Horne Engineering
 Pacific Environmental Services
- Black and Veatch Waste Science and Technology Corporation/Tetra Tech, Inc. - Contract #68-S7-3002
- Universe Technologies -Contract #68-S3-99-02
- Tech Law, Inc. -Contract #68-W-00-108

List of Cooperative Agreements

- National Association of Hispanic Elderly - #CQ-822511
- AARP Foundation (Senior Environmental Employment) -#824021 #823952

Enclosure D

Definitions

- The term "<u>arrangement</u>" shall mean every separate contract or other agreement or understanding between two or more persons, whether written or oral.
- The term "documents" shall mean writings, photographs, sound or magnetic records. drawings, or other similar things by which information has been preserved and also includes information preserved in a form which must be translated or deciphered by machine in order to be intelligible to humans. Examples of documents include, but are not limited to, electronic mail and other forms of computer communication, drafts, correspondence, memoranda, notes, diaries, statistics, letters, telegrams, minutes, contracts, reports, studies, checks, statements, receipts, summaries, pamphlets, books, invoices, checks, bills of lading, weight receipts, toll receipts, offers, contracts, agreements, deeds, leases, manifests, licenses, permits, bids, proposals, policies of insurance, logs, inter-office and intra-office communications, notations of any conversations (including, without limitation, telephone calls, meetings, and other communications such as e-mail), bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, invoices, worksheets, graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotapes, recordings and motion pictures), electronic, mechanical, magnetic or electric records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, discs, recordings and computer memories), minutes of meetings, memoranda, notes, calendar or daily entries, agendas, notices, announcements, maps, manuals, brochures, reports of scientific study or investigation, schedules, price lists, data, sample analyses, and laboratory reports.
- The term "hazardous substance" means (a) any substance designated pursuant to section 1321(b)(2)(A) of Title 33 [of the U.S. Code], (b) any element, compound, mixture, solution, or substance designated pursuant to section 9602 of [CERCLA], (c) any hazardous waste having the characteristics identified under or listed pursuant to section 3001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. Section 6921) (but not including any waste the regulation of which under the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et seq.) has been suspended by Act of Congress), (d) any toxic pollutant listed under section 1317(a) of Title 33, (e) any hazardous air pollutant listed under section 112 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7412), and (f) any imminently hazardous chemical substance or mixture with respect to which the Administrator has taken action pursuant to section 2606 of Title 15 [of the U.S. Code]. The term does not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof which is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under subparagraphs (a) through (f) of this paragraph, and the term does not include natural gas, natural gas liquids, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas usable for fuel (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas).
- The term "pollutant or contaminant" shall include, but not be limited to, any element, substance, compound, or mixture, including disease-causing agents, which after release into the environment and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation, or assimilation into any organism, either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through food chains, will or may reasonably be anticipated to cause death, disease, behavioral

abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutation, physiological malfunctions (including malfunctions in reproduction) or physical deformations in such organisms or their offspring, except that the term "pollutant or contaminant" shall not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof which is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under CERCLA, and shall not include natural gas, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas of pipeline quality (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas).

- The term "release" means any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing into the environment (including the abandonment or discarding of barrels, containers, and other closed receptacles containing any hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant), but excludes (a) any release which results in exposure to persons solely within a workplace, with respect to a claim which such persons may assert against the employer of such persons, (b) emissions from the engine exhaust of a motor vehicle, rolling stock, aircraft, vessel, or pipeline pumping station engine, (c) release of source, byproduct, or special nuclear material from a nuclear incident, as those terms are defined in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. Section 2011 et seq.), if such release is subject to requirements with respect to financial protection established by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission under section 170 of such Act (42 U.S.C. Section 2210), or, for the purposes of section 9604 of [CERCLA] or any other response action, any release of source, byproduct, or special nuclear material from any processing site designated under sections 7912(a)(1) or 7942(a) of [CERCLA], and (d) the normal application of fertilizer.
- The term "<u>waste</u>" or "<u>wastes</u>" shall mean and include any discarded materials including, but not limited to, trash, garbage, refuse, by-products, solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, and discarded or spilled chemicals, whether solid, liquid, or sludge.
- The term "you" when referring to an incorporated entity shall mean and include the incorporated entity and its agents and representatives, including, but not limited to, persons directly authorized to transact business on the entity's behalf such as officers, directors, or partners with which the entity is affiliated, employees, accountants, engineers, or other persons who conduct business on the entity's behalf, as well as affiliated entities, including, but not limited to, partnerships, limited liability companies, divisions, subsidiaries, and holding companies.

Enclosure E

Instructions

- 1. You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering any part or all of the information you submit. If you desire to assert a claim of business confidentiality, please see Enclosure B, Business Confidentiality Claims/Disclosure of Your Response to EPA Contractors and Grantees. You must clearly mark such information by either stamping or using any other form of notice that such information is a trade secret, proprietary, or company confidential. To ensure to the greatest extent that your intent is clear, we recommend that you mark as confidential each page containing such claimed information.
- 2. Please provide a separate, detailed narrative response to each question, and to each subpart of each question, set forth in this Information Request. If you fail to provide a detailed response, EPA may deem your response to be insufficient and thus a failure to comply with this Information Request, which may subject you to penalties.
- 3. Precede each response with the number of the question or subpart of the question to which it corresponds. For each document or group of documents produced in response to this Information Request, indicate the number of the specific question or subpart of the question to which the document(s) responds.
- 4. Should you find at any time after submission of your response that any portion of the submitted information is false, misrepresents the truth or is incomplete, you must notify EPA of this fact and provide EPA with a corrected written response.
- 5. Any terms that are used in this Information Request and/or its Enclosures that are defined in CERCLA shall have the meaning set forth in CERCLA. Definitions of several such terms are set forth in Enclosure D, *Definitions*, for your convenience. Also, several additional terms not defined in CERCLA are defined in Enclosure D. Those terms shall have the meaning set forth in Enclosure D any time such terms are used in this Information Request and/or its Enclosures.

Enclosure F

OUESTIONS

- 1. Describe in detail the relationship of Connecticut Valley Paper and Envelope Company to Allied Envelope Company in general and specifically at 2157-85 East Norris Street, Philadelphia, PA, 341 North Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125, and at 455 Washington Avenue, Carlstadt, NJ.
- 2. Why was Connecticut Valley Paper and Envelope Company mail being accepted by Allied Envelope Company at 2157-85 East Norris Street, Philadelphia, PA?
- 3. Is Mr. Wodack an Allied Envelope Company employee?
- 4. Is Mr. Ward an Allied Envelope Company employee? If so, what are Mr. Ward's responsibilities at Allied Envelope Company?
- 5. The May 2001 Purchase Agreement (hereinafter the "May 2001 Agreement") also provided for the continued employment of the officers, directors, managers, or key employees of Connecticut Valley Paper and Envelope Company by Allied Envelope Company. Are all such officers, directors, managers, or key employees still so employed by Allied Envelope Company? List each individual and his or her current position with Allied Envelope Company. If any such officer, director, manager, or key employees is no longer employed by Allied Envelope Company explain why and provide the date of termination of his or her employment.
- 6. Does Allied Envelope Company currently, or has it at anytime in the past, employ(ed) any other former Connecticut Valley Paper and Envelope Company employees or supervisory personnel? Include any employees working in a consulting capacity. Provide the following:
 - a. A list of all employees employed by Connecticut Valley Paper and Envelope Company that are now or were in the past employed by Allied Envelope Company;
 - b. The dates of employment at both Connecticut Valley Paper and Envelope Company and Allied Envelope Company for each person described in 6a;
 - c. Identify if sick-leave, pension plan, benefits package, seniority, and/or vacation time accrued from Connecticut Valley Paper and Envelope Company applied/applies to employment at Allied Envelope Company.



- 8. Apart from the May 2001 Agreement, has Allied Envelope Company entered into any type of lease agreement, written or oral, with Connecticut Valley Paper and Envelope Company for the use of its facilities? For all agreements entered into for use of the facility(ies), please provide all documents reflecting such agreements.
- 9. Please describe any facilities, properties, customer/client lists, advertising, trademarks, service marks, telephone numbers, fax numbers, and/or vehicles which belonged to Connecticut Valley Paper and Envelope Company that Allied Envelope Company now owns or utilizes.
- 10. Provide the following information for each <u>current</u> owner, partner, officer, major shareholder, director, etc. of Allied Envelope Company:
 - a. Names and title;
 - b. Effective date;
 - c. Home address;
 - d. Phone number;
 - e. Total shares or interest in Allied Envelope Company;
 - f. A description of the relationship (other than that of buyer/seller) with the current or past shareholders of Allied Envelope Company; and
 - g. Total shares or interest in Connecticut Valley Paper and Envelope Company.
- 11. Representative of your establishment(s):
 - a. Identify the person(s) answering these questions on behalf of your establishment(s), including full name, mailing address, business telephone number, and relationship to the company.
 - b. Provide the name, title, current address, and telephone number of the individual representing your establishment(s) to whom future correspondence or telephone calls should be directed.



Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

INFORMATION SHEET

U.S. EPA Small Business Resources

f you own a small business, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers a variety of compliance assistance and tools to assist you in complying with federal and State environmental laws. These resources can help you understand your environmental obligations, improve compliance and find cost-effective ways to comply through the use of pollution prevention and other innovative technologies.

EPA Websites

EPA has several Internet sites that provide useful compliance assistance information and materials for small businesses. Many public libraries provide access to the Internet at minimal or no cost.

EPA's Small Business Home Page (http://www.epa.gov/sbo) is a good place to start because it links with many other related websites. Other useful websites include:

EPA's Home Page http://www.epa.gov

Small Business Assistance Programs http://www.epa.gov/ttn/sbap

Compilance Assistance Home Page http://www.epa.gov/oeca/oc

Office of Site Remediation Enforcement http://www.epa.gov/oeca/osre

Hotlines, Helplines and Clearinghouses

EPA sponsors approximately 89 free hotlines and clearinghouses that provide convenient assistance on environmental requirements.

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman Hotline can provide a list of all the hot lines and assist in determining the hotline best meeting your needs. Key hotlines include:

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman (800) 368-5888

Hazardous Waste/Underground Tanks/ Superfund (800) 424-9346

National Response Center (to report oil and hazardous substance spills) (800) 424-8802

Toxics Substances and Asbestos Information (202) 554-1404

Safe Drinking Water (800) 426-4791

Stratospheric Ozone and Refrigerants Information (800) 296-1996

Clean Air Technical Center (919) 541-0800

Wetlands Hotline (800) 832-7828

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U.S. EPA SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Compliance Assistance-Centers

In partnership with industry, universities, and other federal and state agencies, EPA has established national Compliance Assistance Centers that provide Internet and "faxback" assistance services for several industries with many small businesses. The following Compliance Assistance Centers can be accessed by calling the phone numbers below and at their respective websites:

Metal Finishing (1-800-AT-NMFRC or www.nmfrc.org)

Printing (1-888-USPNEAC or www.pneac.org)

Automotive Service and Repair (1-888-GRN-LINK or www.ccar-greenlink.org)

Agriculture (1-888-663-2155 or www.epa.gov/oeca/ag)

Printed Wiring Board Manufacturing (1-734-995-4911 or www.pwbrc.org)

The Chemical Industry (1-800-672-6048 or www.chemalliance.org)

The Transportation Industry (1-888-459-0656 or www.transource.org)

The Paints and Coatings Center (1-800-286-6372 or www.paintcenter.org)

State Agencies

Many state agencies have established compliance assistance programs that provide on-site and other types of assistance. Contact your local state environmental agency for more information. For assistance in reaching state agencies, call EPA's Small Business Ombudsman at (800)-368-5888 or visit the Small Business Environmental Homepage at http://www.smallbizenviroweb.org/state.html.

Compliance Incentives

EPA provides incentives for environmental compliance. By participating in compliance assistance programs or voluntarily disclosing and promptly correcting violations, businesses may be eligible for penalty waivers or reductions. EPA has two policies that potentially apply to small businesses: The Audit Policy (http://www.epa.gov/oeca/auditpol.html) and the Small Business Policy (http://www.epa.gov/oeca/

smbusi.html). These do not apply if an enforcement action has already been initiated.

Commenting on Federal Enforcement Actions and Compliance Activities

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) established an ombudsman ("SBREFA Ombudsman") and 10 Regional Fairness Boards to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. The SBREFA Ombudsman will annually rate each agency's responsiveness to small businesses. If you believe that you fall within the Small Business Administration's definition of a small business (based on your Standard Industrial Code (SIC) designation, number of employees or annual receipts, defined at 13 C.F.R. 121.201; in most cases, this means a business with 500 or fewer employees), and wish to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities, call the SBREFA Ombudsman's toll-free number at 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

Your Duty to Comply

If you receive compliance assistance or submit comments to the SBREFA Ombudsman or Regional Fairness Boards, you still have the duty to comply with the law, including providing timely responses to EPA information requests, administrative or civil complaints, other enforcement actions or communications. The assistance information and comment processes do not give you any new rights or defenses in any enforcement action. These processes also do not affect EPA's obligation to protect public health or the environment under any of the environmental statutes it enforces, including the right to take emergency remedial or emergency response actions when appropriate. Those decisions will be based on the facts in each situation. The SBREFA Ombudsman and Fairness Boards do not participate in resolving EPA's enforcement actions. Also, remember that to preserve your rights, you need to comply with all rules governing the enforcement process.

EPA is disseminating this information to you without making a determination that your business or organization is a small business as defined by Section 222 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) or related provisions.